

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Smith, et al. )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 1794  
Serial No.: 10/798,891 )  
 ) Examiner: Chriss, Jennifer A.  
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For: USE OF PRE-COATED MAT FOR PREPARING GYPSUM BOARD

**VIA EFS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2008.

A Petition for an extension of the time to reply of one month accompanies this  
Response and Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2;

**Remarks** begin on page 9.